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SOURCE:

1. A delegation from the gas institute in Prague, Czechoslovakia, which had toured East Germany from 5 to 16 September 1953, held a final meeting at the State Secretariat for Power in Berlin on 17 September 1953. Present at the meeting were Guska (fnu), representative of the Czech Mission in East Germany, Dr. Ing. Sliva (fnu) and Cereva (fnu), two members of the delegation, Schacht, chief of the gas section the East German State Secretariat for Power, and Pohlig, of the gas section.
2. The Czechoslovak delegation inspected large gas plants in Leipzig, Dresden, Heidenau, and Karl-Marx-Stadt (Chemnitz), the gas works in Berlin-Lichtenberg, and was shown the VEB Werk Gaselan in Berlin.¹ The Czechoslovak delegation asked that representatives from East Germany visit Czechoslovakia and agreed that Schacht and Pohlig come to Prague on 25 September 1953.
3. The Czechs said that Czechoslovakia had five 150,000-cubic meters dry gas storage tanks. The East German representatives stated that such gas tanks were still unavailable but that they would be constructed in East Germany. Negotiations for the delivery by Czechoslovakia of blueprints, and for assistance by engineers to supervise the construction of these large gas tanks were planned.

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1. Comment: VEB Gaselan is the former Pietsch firm in Berlin.

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